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B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"Is there any rule that the Superintendent should not be transferred if she has been doing her work well?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"No."

Proposal to give an agricultural bias to pupil-teachers undergoing training.

*96 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have had under consideration any proposal to give a course of training to pupil-teachers with a view to give an agricultural bias to the teaching in elementary schools;

(b) whether the Taliparamba agricultural middle school building was proposed to be utilized for this purpose; and

(c) whether the Government have come to any final decision in regard to this matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Taliparamba has been proposed as a centre where the training could be given.

(c) Not yet.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know how long the question has been under consideration and when a decision will be come to?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The matter has been under consideration for about two years. There are some difficulties in the way of coming to a decision."

Restoration of the grants to taluk boards for the maintenance of schools.

*97 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the reduction of grants to taluk boards for the maintenance of schools, made as a measure of retrenchment, has been restored; and

(b) if so, whether wholly or partly and, if the latter, by how much?

A.—(a) Yes; there will be no reduction in the current year.

(b) Wholly.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION

Medical Administration

Staff of the Government School of Indian Medicine classified according to communities.

98 Q.—Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the strength of the present staff of the Government School of Indian Medicine, exclusive of clerical and menial staff, arranged according to communities?

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A.—The staff of the Indian Medical School, excluding clerks and menials, consists of nine Non-Brahman Hindus, nine Brahmans and four Muhammadans.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Public Service

Denial of promotion as Deputy Tahsildars to clerks in the Revenue Department, South Kanara, on the ground of age-bar.

* 99 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the clerks in the Revenue Department with third-class Magistrate's powers conferred on them in South Kanara have not been promoted to the Deputy Tahsildar's post on the ground that they are beyond 40 years;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that their chances of promotion were lost owing to any wrongful promotion of their juniors to the Deputy Tahsildar's post contrary to the concerned Government Order thus depriving their legitimate rights of promotion; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take to remedy their right grievance?

A.—The Government have not the information. The Government have received no appeal or memorial from any person alleging any such grievance.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether the hon. Member will call for the information?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" No, Sir. I do not think it is necessary to do so. If persons are aggrieved, they can appeal to the proper authorities."

Local Self-Government

Supply of water from Mettur Reservoir to Salem Municipality.

* 100 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar:—" Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the water-supply scheme of Salem Municipality from Mettur Reservoir is; and

(*b*) whether the execution of the scheme will be taken up during this financial year?

A.—(*a*) The financing of the scheme is under the consideration of the Government and a reference is being made to the Municipal Council in that connexion.

(*b*) No.